



Operation Name: _____ Date: _____

- Please complete a separate form for each species of animal to be certified.

Species of animals described by this form: _____

The producer must establish and maintain livestock living conditions that accommodate the health and natural behavior of animals suitable to the species, stage of life, climate and the environment, including:

- Access to the outdoors, shade, shelter, exercise areas, fresh air, and direct sunlight year-round
Access to pasture for ruminants
Appropriate clean, dry bedding
Shelter that allows for natural maintenance, comfort behaviors, opportunity to exercise, suitable temperature & ventilation

A. Livestock Living Conditions

- 1) Check if you provide the following to animals.

- Shelter from adverse weather (including trees) Direct sunlight Exercise areas or range areas Fresh air
Clean water for drinking Appropriate clean, dry bedding Access to the outdoors Shade (including trees)

- 2) Describe the climate / weather pattern in your region and how it impacts your selection of animal housing, animals' access to the outdoors, and ruminants' access to pasture. Ruminant producers must describe their grazing season on L3.1 Feed, Feed Additives & Water (Ruminant).

- 3) Complete the table below to describe housing and/or confinement areas for all classes or groups of animals.

Additional sheets attached

Table with 5 columns: Livestock Type, When Used/ Stage of Life, Housing Type, Size, Outdoor access? and 6 rows of data.

- 4) Describe the types of bedding used by your operation.

Appropriate, clean dry bedding must be provided. Roughages used for bedding must be organic and certificates must be available at inspection. Forestry products such as wood shavings are not required to be organic

- Rangeland or pasture
Other (describe): _____

B. Outdoor Access and Temporary Confinements of All Animal Species

The producer of an organic livestock operation may provide temporary confinement for an animal because of inclement weather, the animal's stage of life, to protect the health, safety, or well being of the animal and, to protect soil or water quality. Confinement for short periods for health care procedures, treatment, sorting, shipping, breeding, or youth projects is also allowed.

- 1) At what age or stage of development do animals begin to have access to the outdoors?



- 2) How do you document periods of temporary confinement from the outdoors? (Documentation of temporary confinement must be available at inspection)
- Calendar Journal or Log Other (describe):

- 3) Complete the table to describe whether animals are confined for the reasons below. See section C below for additional listing of periods of temporary confinement of **ruminants** from pasture. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Reason	Circumstances of Temporary Confinement Temporary confinement includes any time that an animal is not allowed outside and/or on pasture, including night time, feeding times, etc.
Protection of soil or water quality	
Stages of Life	
Protection of health, safety or well being	
Management (Short periods for care, sorting, shipping, breeding or youth projects)	
Inclement Weather (weather that could cause physical harm or death)	

C. Confinement of Ruminants from Pasture (not applicable to non-ruminant species)

- 1) Complete the table below to list periods of confinement from pasture for ruminants during the grazing season (when pasture is available for grazing). Any additional periods of confinement for ruminant animals must be listed above.
- Not applicable, we do not raise ruminant livestock (e.g. cattle, sheep, goats, etc.)

Reason for Confinement from Pasture	Allowed Period of Confinement	Amount of Time Organic Animals Confined from Pasture (may not exceed allowed periods)
Lactation Dry Off	One week	
Pre- Parturition	Three weeks	
Post- Parturition	One week	
Newborns	Up to 6 months (must be allowed to lie down, stand up, fully extend limbs & move freely)	
Shearing	Short periods	
Milking	Short daily periods (must be scheduled to allow for sufficient grazing)	
Finishing (slaughter stock only)	1/5 of animal's life or 120 days (whichever is shorter)	